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Teaching Equity and Social Justice by implementing Comprehensive Cultural Competent Programming

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#### Workshop Objectives

Objective 1: By the end of the presentation, practitioners will learn what equity is and how it impacts marginalized communities and how to integrate it into a teenage pregnancy prevention program.

Objective 2: By the end of this presentation, practitioners will learn the significance and the role of social justice when discussing equitable solutions for youth who live in high crime neighborhoods. Practitioners will be able to implement those solutions into their programs.

Objective 3: By the end of this presentation, practitioners will learn comprehensive culturally competent skill building techniques such as pro social skills, discipline and resilience and how they impact underserved youth.





Wholistic Stress Control Institute,
 Inc. (WSCI)

WSCI is a 39-year old, African-American, award winning, community based, non-profit organization located in Southwest Atlanta, Georgia. Its mission is to teach wholistic stress management by promoting wellness and healthy lifestyle choices.

• Wholistc Stress Control Institute was chosen as Atlanta Public Schools Partner of the Year, 2022.



Provides a comprehensive culturally specific Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Program to educate youth on how to voluntarily refrain from non-marital sexual activity, to avoid related risky behaviors for most vulnerable youth in Atlanta, Georgia's Fulton and Dekalb Counties

#### PREP Program

**Establishing Rapport and Trust for Engagement** 

**Hip Hop** 

**African American History** 

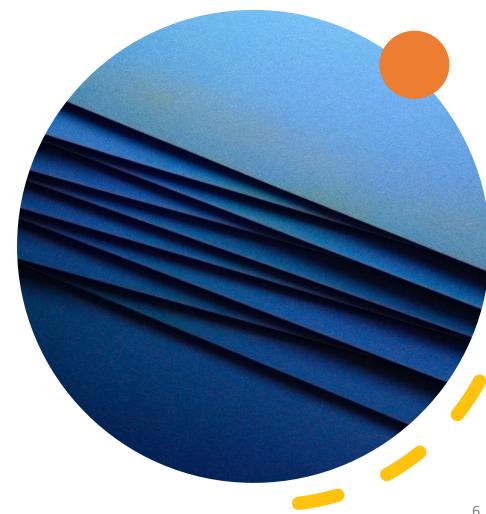
**Educational Content – 12 PREP Classes** 

- •8 SRAE
- •4 Youth Development
- Each class begins with a Stress Management Techniques

**Peer Education – Community Outreach and Social Media Programming** 

Parenting Programming – Taste of Wellness and a Hip Hop

**Fusion Festival** 



#### Prior to Programming

Facilitators should be culturally competent (study Hip Hop, past and current artists and African-American History)

Facilitators must develop a comprehensive plan that incorporates Hip Hop, African-American history, decision-making, character development to incorporate into a successful sexual risk avoidance program.

The class sessions will use Hip Hop music as a tool to educate and to be incorporated with Creative Writing and/or Spoken Word to promote sexual risk avoidance.

The goal is to enhance a whole person – mentally, physically and their emotional well-being

Know Thyself – Who Are U
(Wholistic 1984)<sup>1</sup>

# + Health Equity

• Health equity and racism has been an ongoing battle for African Americans and other disenfranchised populations. From scholars to lay men, all adults bring prior knowledge and experience that form a foundation for their learning that aligns with their own realities or the realities of their participants. For some, this workshop will fulfill their internal motivation for problem solving.1

Challenges and high-risk behaviors. Searching for equitable solutions for marginalized populations.

a. The pregnancy prevention program will not be successful if we don't first address the inequities that affect our participant and their parent lives. These issues ultimately impact students' awareness, behavior, and their vulnerability to unhealthy relationships (i.e. premarital sex, gang involvement, drug selling and drug use, etc.)<sup>2</sup>

b. Marginalized schools can be underfunded, and some don't have the same access to monetary resources as affluent schools. This directly and indirectly negatively impacts the success sequence.3

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c. Inequity in healthy nutritional food (i.e., food deserts) impacts the student's ability to learn during and after school hours. This directly affects students' behavior and ability to succeed in school. Most importantly, this is negatively associated with high-risk behaviors.4

d. The lack of programming in the targeted communities to provide after school and youth development activities during times of needed structured supervision for teenagers has been found to lead to unhealthy behaviors such as sexual encounters.

Challenges and high-risk behaviors that equitable solutions can prevent Equitable issues among marginalized populations to be discussed includes:

e. Inequities in employment have led to parents traveling further distance to work. Lack of parental supervision has been found to lead to unsupervised youth and higher at risk behaviors such as sexual encounters, dating violence, drug selling, drug use, and unhealthy relationships, etc.<sup>6</sup>

## Historical Trauma and the foundation of social and politcal inequity

- Historical Trauma
- refers to a complex and collective trauma experienced over time and across generations by a group of people who share an identity, affiliation, or circumstance.
- Slavery, Emancipation, Jim Crow Laws, Black Reconstruction, White domestic terrorisms
- Civil Rights Movement

### Social Determinants of health

- Scientific evidence shows that significant disparities in health and in health care are based on socioeconomic factors of an individual's life.9
- We call these factors the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age — the "social determinants of health." They account for as much as 80% of a person's health outcomes.

Some of the social determinants of health include:11

- Access to healthy foods
- Neighborhood safety
- Housing stability
- Income level
- Education quality
- Transportation availability

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#### **MESSAGES**



Dr. M.L. King Last Speech April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1968



**Angela Davis** 



Malcolm X Police Brutality



J Cole | Be Free



Fannie Lou Hamer



Judas and The Black Messiah



**Kanye | Jesus Walks** 

#### **Work Songs/Inspirational**



Georgia/Louis Canaan Land



Academy Choir Wade in the Water



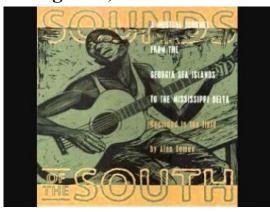




Sammy Davis Mr. Bojangles



**Swing Low, Sweet Chariot** 



I'll be so glad when



A Change is Gonna Come



Rhapsody - Nina



King Los – Lil Black Boy



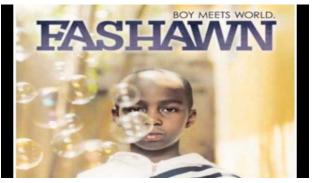
CyHi The Prynce – No Dope on Sundays



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DJ Khaled: God Did



Fashawn – When She Calls



YelloPain - My Vote Don't Count



Jay Z: The Story of OJ



YelloPain - Graduation



MC Lyte: Poor George



Common: Retrospect



2pac Brenda got a baby



Ed. OG: Be A Father



Nikki D: Daddy's little girl



Nas: I can

**Songs and Videos** 

Dr. King's I'm tired of march speech:

Dr. King's Last Speech:

**Angela Davis: Black Power Mixtape** 

Malcolm X: Los Angeles police brutality speech.

J. Cole: Be Free

Fannie Lou Hamner: The Flag is drenched with

our blood

Judas and The Black Messiah preview

Georgia Luis: Canaans Land

Billie Holiday: Strange Fruit

FaShawn: Something to believe in

J. Cole: Once an Addict

**Swing Low Sweet Chariot** 

Academy Choir: Wade in Water

Sammy Davis: Mr. Bojangles

Sam Cooke: A Change is gonna come

Rapsody: Nina

CyHi Da Prince: 80's baby

Yellow Pain: My vote don't count

Billie Holiday: Strange Fruit

CyHi Da Prince: No Dope of Sundays

FaShawn: When she calls

Yellow Pain: Graduation

Rapsody: Hard to Choose

• MC Lyte: Poor Georgie

• 2Pac: Brenda's got a baby

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Nikki D: Daddy's little Girl

**Common: Retropsective Life** 

Nas: I can

Ed. OG. Bulldogs: Father to a child

#### Resource List

- Photo Credits & Video Credits: Youtube
- 1. Kelvin Walston and Tarita Johnson from Atlanta Public School Awards Ceremony.
- 2. There are no other photos (there are music links that has the artist name).
- 3. All the music links that has the picture of the artist came from YouTube.

#### Works Citation

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